

members over the past five years demanded many changes in the way the Montana National Guard operates. Major General Mosley confronted these challenges with professionalism and complete dedication to the men and women under his command. He was instrumental in overhauling the process used for post deployment health assessments for Guard members returning home from combat deployments. Significant mental health resources have since been made available to Guardsmen and their families as well as organized events to help them transition back to everyday life. These changes are leading the way in how our country treats returning service men and women. For his efforts, Major General Mosley was recognized by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

I can think of no better ambassador for the State of Montana. Over the past 14 years, Montana has worked with United States Central Command to develop a partnership with the country of Kyrgyzstan. Under General Mosley's leadership, the Montana National Guard has helped Kyrgyzstan train a capable force of noncommissioned officers. More importantly, Major General Mosley has helped Kyrgyzstan leadership understand the vital role military personnel plays in coordinating and assisting civilian government. Through his efforts the partnership between Montana and Kyrgyzstan has grown dramatically and will no doubt help their democratic future.

While I am sad to see him leave, I thank Major General Mosley for all he has done. Through all the challenges he has faced he

has been an excellent commander and ambassador. I have no doubt the Montana National Guard's new leadership will continue his example.

HONORING JACKSON COUNTY
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HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jackson County Community Foundation of Jackson, Michigan on the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary. For years it has served the Jackson community and worked to improve the quality of each of its citizens' lives.

The Jackson County Community Foundation began in 1948 with the idea of assisting Jackson County residents in bettering their lives. In order to accomplish this goal the foundation is guided by several core beliefs including the realization that citizen involvement is essential for change, the idea that viable solutions are those which target the root cause of a problem, and the belief that diversity is key to community building efforts. The foundation focuses on using its own community's assets and strengths and strongly believes accountability is necessary to use community resources wisely. The foundation has a broad purpose which allows flexibility and enables it to serve needs quickly and efficiently.

The foundation has a permanent endowment that invests donations with the purpose of growing the principal and returning the earnings back to the community. This permanent endowment builds enduring community assets and allows donors to invest in the future of their own community. Donors can designate the funds to be used for specific items, such as scholarships or charities. Moreover, donors can assign the funds to an area of interest such as youth programs or education. In 2007, contributions to the foundation totaled more than \$2 million and its endowment was over \$24 million.

On September 6, 2008 a number of distinguished individuals gathered at the foundation Fall Gala to celebrate the Jackson County Community Foundation's success and its long-time contribution to the Jackson community. The theme of the evening was "Looking Back—Moving Forward," and the foundation's long-standing influence on the community was celebrated. Several presentations were given as well as a short video to commemorate the past sixty years.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jackson County Community Foundation for its sixty years of service and leadership in Jackson County. The foundation excels at identifying and meeting the needs of its citizens and has made a lasting difference in Jackson County. May others know of my high regard for its esteemed service, as well as my best wishes for its future.